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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references identified in the present application, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

5 AA U.S. Patent 5,253,248
 AE European reference EP 0 696 147
 AF European reference EP 0 400 879

Article:

10 AM Regnier, Jean, "State-Dependent Dynamic traffic
 Management for Telephone Networks", IEEE
 Communications magazine, October 1990, No. 10, New
 York, pages 42-53.

Explanation of Relevance

15 All of the above references were cited in the International Search Report.
 References AA, AF, and AM are in English, so no further commentary on their
 teaching is required. Reference AE is in German, but an English language
 translation of the abstract has been provided. A full translation of this reference
 will be provided upon request from the Examiner.

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